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The Fox Guarding the Henhouse

Taxpayers beware. Bureaucrats in Sacramento want to change our tax system so they can fill out our tax returns. The Franchise Tax Board (FTB) says its "ReadyReturn" system will make our lives easier, but this new plan has an inherent conflict of interest that could be very harmful to taxpayers.

"ReadyReturn" is a risky program that could end up costing California much more than it saves. The FTB will have to hire more workers and add more bureaucracy to state government to take on the job of filling out millions of tax returns. There are also serious concerns about taxpayer privacy. Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America and a software glitch or bureaucratic error involving "ReadyReturn" could be catastrophic for taxpayers.

The FTB and some politicians in Sacramento are pushing to expand "ReadyReturn" to millions of Californians. **Contact your legislator and tell them to oppose ReadyReturn.**

There is a better way to provide tax-filing assistance in California. The IRS and 21 other states have partnered with private software companies to provide the best available tax services free of charge to those who really need help. The partnership is called the Free File Alliance. Instead of rushing forward with another costly new program that could harm taxpayers, California should join the Free File Alliance.

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